

**From:** [Craig Cooper](#)  
**To:** [David Cooper](#)  
**Cc:** [Dana Barton](#); [Loren Henning](#); [Nicole Moutoux](#)  
**Subject:** SECOND DRAFT: EMAIL TO CHRISTINA WALSH ON CAG AND TASC  
**Date:** 07/12/2010 12:34 PM

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David - Thanks for looking at my draft email to Christina so quickly. Based on our discussion on the draft email, I have revised the email per our conversation. Please let me know if you have any questions. Craig

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## SECOND DRAFT

Christina -

*I received your email below while I was out on vacation. Now I understand that you are out on vacation and will return on July 21. By this email I hope to address your email to me of May 28th (regarding EPA's participation in the CAG) and your email below regarding TASC.*

*1. EPA's participation in the CAG. As stated in Item 12 on page 9 of EPA Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for SSFL, EPA staff will be available to make presentations about EPA radiological studies at meeting for local community groups and institutions. As such, EPA would be pleased to provide presentations to the CAG subject to our travel, schedule and workload constraints. Please let me know when EPA may be on the agenda for the next CAG meetin along with the time and location of such meeting.*

*2. Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC). As stated on Item 12 of page 9 of the EPA CIP, EPA has decided to not utilize TASC services at this time, but may re-evaluate this decision as future circumstances dictate. Last year when EPA presented TASC, the issue created significant confusion and disunity amongst various community stakeholders groups. This led EPA to withdraw offering TASC. Currently, EPA is awaiting the DTSC's draft overall plan on community involvement at SSFL. We understand that DTSC's draft plan will be issued out by end of this summer. Upon receipt of DTSC's draft plan for community involvement, EPA decide how TASC best fits into the DTSC's overall community involvement program and make a decision regarding next steps. Typically, the first step of a TASC program consists of EPA conducting a needs assessment (i.e. type/scope of technical issues that community members need addresses) to help facilitate the selection of the most useful technical advisor(s) under TASC. Regardless of the DTSC's schedule on community involvement planning, EPA will continue to provide information about our radiological studies through fact sheets, community meetings, technical stakeholder meetings, placement of documents on our web site and via presentations to community groups (including the SSFL Inter-Agency Work Group) at their request and invitation.*

*Let's have a conversation on these issues. The last week of July works best for us at EPA. How about the morning of July 28 at 10am or 11am? Please let us know if this date/time or another date during the last week of July works for you.*

*Please let me know if you have any questions at this time. Otherwise, I look forward to a continued dialogue on these issues soon.*

Sincerely,  
Craig

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▼ Craig Cooper---07/12/2010 09:26:06 AM---Thanks David. I am in today until about 4pm.....then flying down to LA this evening for a Stakehold

From: Craig Cooper/R9/USEPA/US  
To: David Cooper/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 07/12/2010 09:26 AM  
Subject: Re: DRAFT EMAIL TO CHRISTINA WALSH

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Thanks David. I am in today until about 4pm.....then flying down to LA this evening for a Stakeholder meeting and other stuff. Then I will be back in the office in Thursday - Friday.

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▼ David Cooper---07/12/2010 08:59:03 AM---Craig -- I'm going to go over this carefully. I just wanted you to know that I'm working on it.

From: David Cooper/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Craig Cooper/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 07/12/2010 08:59 AM  
Subject: Re: DRAFT EMAIL TO CHRISTINA WALSH

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Craig --

I'm going to go over this carefully. I just wanted you to know that I'm working on it.

-- Dave

▼ Craig Cooper---07/09/2010 04:49:08 PM---David - With multiple vacations going on, I understand its been hard for all us to get on the same

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Cc: Dana Barton/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Nicole Moutoux/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Loren

Date: 07/09/2010 04:49 PM

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David - With multiple vacations going on, I understand its been hard for all us to get on the same page regarding a response to Christina's email below. So, I have put together a draft email to Christina that I would like your input on. Once you and I are okay with this email, I will send it off to Christina and copy everyone that she copied on her email below. Therefore, we should be careful and sure about what we say in our email.

I would like to send it out by no later than July 16th. Note: I may have too much text on the TASC issue that might be better left for the subsequent WebEx conference call. However, I believe that we should use this email to frame our position now instead of getting caught up with lots of questions via the WebEx call. Let me know what you think. Can you check in with Susan Callery on this as well? I will in on Monday and then working at the site Tuesday-Wed and then back for the rest of next week.

Thanks, Craig

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DRAFT

Christina -

*I received your email below while I was out on vacation. My first day back in the office was July 6th. Now I understand that you are out on vacation and will return on July 21. By this email I hope to address your email to me of May 28th (regarding EPA's participation in the CAG) and your email below regarding TASC.*

*1. EPA's participation in the CAG. As stated in Item 12 on page 9 of EPA Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for our work at SSFL, EPA staff will be available to make presentations about EPA radiological studies at meeting for local community groups and institutions. As such, EPA would be pleased to provide presentations to the CAG. Please let me know if EPA is on the agenda for the next CAG meeting, the time and location of such meeting, and we would be happy to participate accordingly.*

*2. Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC). As stated on Item 12 of page 9 of the EPA CIP, EPA has decided to not utilize TASC services at this time, but may re-evaluate this decision as future circumstances dictate. As you witnessed last year when EPA presented TASC to the SSFL community stakeholders, the issue created a disunity amongst community stakeholders. This led EPA to withdraw offering TASC at that time. However, if with the concurrence of the State of California (who as lead regulatory agency has the lead for all community involvement activities at SSFL), the independent technical assistance offered by TASC can be shown to unify and inform a wide cross-section of SSFL community stakeholders, then EPA would indeed be willing to offer TASC services to the*

CAG. As such, in order to assist us to make such a determination, please send us a formal request for TASC services, an explanation of our TASC services would be used and made available to a wide cross-section of SSFL community stakeholders, a copy of the CAG Charter and CAG membership information.

As you suggest in your email below, let's have a conversation on these issues via WebEx at your earliest convenience.

Please let me know if you have any questions at this time. Otherwise, I look forward to a continued dialogue on these issues soon.

Sincerely,  
Craig

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**From:** Christina Walsh [cwalsh@cleanuprocketdyne.org]  
**Sent:** 06/24/2010 06:52 AM MST  
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**Subject:** Fwd: TASC Request - renewed

Still haven't heard from you other than a generic, "we are not accepting applications at this time" response to my written TASC request despite the discussion to have a scheduled phone conversation about this (below) that never happened. I also received no response to fact that I was pressured to withdraw my original request as shown by the documents I sent you related to

EPA assuring Mr. Hirsch that requests from our community "will never go anywhere".

I am also aware of two other people who have made this request to EPA, so I must ask the reasoning behind ignoring multiple requests from this community in favor of one person who doesn't live in the community? I do not accept this notion that we should just sit back and wait as Mr. Hirsch who lives hundreds of miles away, makes decisions for our community. I also do not accept Mr. Hirsch as my representative or that of our community and do not feel his expertise and efforts are consistent with the objective of clean-up, as his recent efforts have been to stop and delay work from moving forward.

For this reason, I would like to schedule this conversation (as offered below) to be via webex phone conference so that the others can be included in that conversation. Using webex allows for both conference only, as well as with the online meeting features and we believe this discussion needs to be documented.

Please let me know what date and time next week you will be available and I will set up.

Thank you and I look forward to having this conversation with you at your earliest convenience. Since I am leaving for Europe on the 5th of July, I request that this call be scheduled for a time prior to my leaving.

Thanks again,

Christina

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Christina Walsh <[cwalsh@cleanuprocketdyne.org](mailto:cwalsh@cleanuprocketdyne.org)>

**Date:** May 20, 2010 2:49:40 PM PDT

**To:** [Cooper.Craig@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Cooper.Craig@epamail.epa.gov)

**Subject:** Re: TASC Request - renewed

I actually have a meeting with Gerard of DTSC at 11, which just got scheduled today. Perhaps we can push it a bit earlier, or after 12?

Thanks

Christina

On May 20, 2010, at 2:31 PM, [Cooper.Craig@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Cooper.Craig@epamail.epa.gov) wrote:

How about tomorrow (Friday)? How about I call you at 11am?

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From: Christina Walsh <[cwalsh@cleanuprocketdyne.org](mailto:cwalsh@cleanuprocketdyne.org)>  
To: Craig Cooper/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 05/20/2010 10:14 AM  
Subject: Re: TASC Request - renewed

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this afternoon or tomorrow is fine.  
Thanks  
Christina

On May 19, 2010, at 11:10 AM,  
[Cooper.Craig@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Cooper.Craig@epamail.epa.gov) wrote:

Christina -

When is a good time for me to call you? We can discuss TASC (per your email below) and your email about getting everyone's comments on the HSA 5C memo and Draft Water Testing SAP. I am free all day today, anytime tomorrow except 10am to noon and any time on Friday.

Thanks,

Craig

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Date: 05/13/2010 09:21 AM  
Subject: TASC Request - renewed

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Hi Craig,  
Thanks for the meeting last night. I found it very informative. It seems to me that the community is really in need of independent review and analysis to help them understand what the issues are moving forward. With the very complicated statistical issues related to the data as it comes in for the survey and background studies, it will be even more important to have independent expertise to help provide analysis and summary review to the community. I hereby renew my request for TASC Program Assistance for the Santa Susana Field Laboratory investigation and clean-up work being done under CERCLA.

I was pressured to withdraw my request last year and in reviewing this very troubling document [attached] where it appears that EPA was also pressured to not provide this program, I feel that renewal my request for the TASC program is needed now. I appreciate any assistance you can offer in order to begin the TASC process once again so that we may utilize these tools to better understand the complex data validation, statistical analysis of the very important sampling program led by EPA so interpretation of the data can be understood by the community.

Please let me know when we can discuss this in more detail. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
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